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Jud and Susan Rhodes announce their daughter's birth

Elba's Kikko Logan drives for a basket in recent action

Kinston Athletic Club sponsors Miss Christmas pageants

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Elba's levee rehabilitation project expected to be complete in April

by Bethany Dye

to be located behind the old high school

on April 15. The construction would have been even further along had it not rained so much last summer and last winter, Oden said.

As of Dec. 8, Oden said the originally contracted project was 81 percent complete, but he expects to later receive a few add-ons in the form of a modified contract, such as a lighted walking trail around the top of the levee and a pumping station

at Kinston apartment complex

Five people arrested for drugs

A joint effort between officers

from the Kinston Police Department, Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department last week

resulted in the arrests of five

people at an apartment complex in Kinston.

Officers said they had been

receiving information for sever-

al months concerning the manu-

facture of methamphetamine at

the apartment located at 242

Richardson Street, and they

went to the location last

Wednesday, Jan. 7, after receiv-

ing information that meth cook

had recently taken place.

Upon arrival, officers found

three people in the backyard

and two in the apartment. They

quickly secured the location and

were able to recover approxi-

mately five grams of powder

methamphetamine, scales,

smoking devices, 950 MLS of

meth oil and a methampheta-

mine lab.

The meth lab was discovered

in a vehicle in the backyard. It

was concealed in a large tote bag.

Officers said the tenants of the

apartment, Candie Lyle, Lynne

Cannley, age 25, and Beau

Nobles, age 24, were arrested

and charged with unlawful pos-

session of a controlled sub-

stance and unlawful possession

of drug paraphernalia. Both

were placed in the Coffee

County Jail under a \$51,000

bond.

Marshall Gwaltney, age 44, of

Caroline Street, was arrested

on a charge of possession of a

controlled substance.

He was held without bond.

He was

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Ex Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, who served 23 months in the President's cabinet before being fired, is out with a book "telling it all". It is amazing, when O'Neill was in office, he was the laughing stock of the administration. Now is getting lots of ink and air time for telling on the Bush administration. Now we have absolutely no idea how presidential cabinet meetings go, or if there is any set rule on such business. Probably each president does it differently. However, it is hard for us to understand why an economics man (Treasury Secretary) should, would or could be involved in discussing and deciding national military and/or intelligence policy. Seems he should be busy trying to keep the economy moving along on an even keel. But remember the Enron fiasco, in which corporate fraud cost employees and shareholders billions of dollars and broadly undercut confidence in corporate accounting, "the genius of capitalism". Now we are hearing folks quote his opinions on whether the president should listen to reports or keep interrupting and asking questions.

In case you are left wondering, we put little stock into the critical comments (in a for sale book) of a fired staffer.

Much the same can be said for former baseball star Pete Rose. For years he denied gambling on baseball games. Then he writes a book reportedly admitting he really did bet on his own baseball team and now acts as if the public didn't accept him with open arms after his repenting because "he deserves it". Folks, Rose and his gambling don't bother us a bit. This is his cross to bear. However, his being hurt at not being embraced following the confessing does bring out opinions from this corner. Rose or anyone else who has respect from one or a million folks earn it, they don't get it by demanding it. If Pete Rose is worthy of the respect he so openly desires, it will come in time and not his timing. Just writing a book ain't gonna get it. Americans are more demanding than that. It would probably have come faster if he had verbally confessed to his gambling years ago, rather than continually denying it even face of mountains of evidence. If Pete Rose ever again gets back into organized baseball or into the Baseball Hall of Fame, it will be because the public and organized baseball want him, not just because he and a few thousand close friends wants either or both.

The State of Alabama is working on a brand new drivers license for Alabama citizens. All we can read about it leaves us filled with a bit selfish disappointment ... you see they apparently won't have it ready in time for our renewal date a few months down the road! This will have us waiting another four years for the new license. We wanted one of these forms that highlights pictures of folks who normally get "carded", in other words those too young to buy tobacco and alcohol. Of course our only chance of getting carded is to prove we qualify for senior discounts, etc. In this moment of true confession, it must be admitted that less and less often is there any need for anyone to even ask that question. As our gray hair thins and our wrinkles deepen, etc., the respect reserved for "old folks" becomes the routine. For those of you who haven't reached that state yet and are wondering ... actually it is kinda nice.

POLICE SERGEANT/SUPERVISOR

The City of Elba, Alabama is accepting applications for the position of Police Sergeant/Supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications:
 (a) High school graduate or GED
 (b) Must possess a valid Alabama Drivers License.
 (c) Must possess a good driving record.
 (d) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
 (e) Must meet the minimum standards for law enforcement officers as established by Alabama Law. Applicants that are certified by the Alabama Peace Officer's Standards and Training Commission are preferred.
 (f) All applicants are subject to drug screening and background check.
 (g) Any combination of education, training, and experience equivalent to a member of the Elba Police Department and a serving patrolman with a minimum of three years continuous in-grade service with the Elba Police Department. A completed in-house application.

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Application Instructions:
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LEVEE

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edges will help keep water from leaking through.

The 10 inches of great the rail lies on is made of concrete that costs \$2,700 per cubic yard, as opposed to regular concrete, which costs \$65 per cubic yard. "This concrete is designed for the long haul," Oden said, "for the constant use of traffic coming over it."

Under the road at the gates lie 10 feet of regular concrete.

Besides the gate structures, more new additions have been made to the levee designed to protect the city from flooding.

Trenches approximately 35-40 feet deep were dug down the

center of the levee and filled with slurry, a substance made of water and a clay-like mineral called bentonite.

As workers dig the trench, they immediately fill it with slurry, using hydrostatic pressure to prevent the walls from caving in, much like methods used for drilling wells.

The precisely mixed slurry remains in a gelatinous state so that water can't seep through or run under the levee.

Each 1,500-pound bag of the naturally occurring dry bentonite is shipped in from Wyoming, and Oden said about 600 bags would be used for the

project has been the replacing and repairing of nine drainage structures around the levee.

After the trench is filled with slurry, a three foot thick, four foot wide clay cap is placed on top of most of the levee, and a concrete cap is applied to areas that require the strains of road

"By the end of February, Oden said he expects to have the slurry wall finished, the gates in place, all roads leveled, the water retention area beyond the old high school done and grass seeded on top of the levee.

After that, he said only smaller, miscellaneous jobs would be left to finish, such as installing guardrails, gutters and curbs.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, investigated the following incidents: three for theft of property, three for burglary, one harassing communications, two for assault, one criminal trespassing, two for criminal mischief and one minor in possession of alcohol.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one for assault.

Two traffic citations issued during the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JAN. 5 - River stage - 6.03 feet (6:12 a.m.); 5.73 feet (6:14 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at 1875 County Rd. 239 (5:41 p.m.). One vehicle wreck (vs. power pole) at the intersection of Smith Ave. and Riverview (9:58 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 6 - River stage - 6.13 feet (6:03 a.m.); 5.73 feet (6:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1496 Rees Ave. (3:48 p.m.); Fighting reported at the park in Mulberry (4:09 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apartments (4:39 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apartments (4:56 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 215 Plant Ave. (8:32 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 645 Reynolds St. (8:49 p.m.).

Another significant part of the

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JAN. 5 - River stage - 6.13 feet (6:03 a.m.); 5.73 feet (6:06 a.m.); Alarm activated at 629 Claxton Ave. (10:05 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 343 Sollie Dr. (10:44 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JAN. 6 - River stage - 6.14 feet (6:43 a.m.); 5.73 feet (6:45 a.m.); One vehicle wreck reported on Herman Dr. (1:00 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1540 Powell Circle (2:51 p.m.); Civil disturbance reported at the intersection of Marion Ave. and Newton St. (2:57 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 215 Plant Ave. (8:32 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 645 Reynolds St. (8:49 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7 - River stage - 5.96 feet (6:11 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8 - River stage - 5.96 feet (6:11 a.m.); Routine activity.

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. - City Hall

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday at 7 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - 2nd & 4th Monday, 8 a.m. Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Sup. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Legion Hall, 1st Floor

ELBA LIONS CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Legion Hall, 1st Floor

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Eatonton

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

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NEW SEASONS CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Marlene Renner to be keynote speaker for First Ladies Heart to Heart Winter Conference at First Baptist Church in Enterprise

By Teresa W. Hall

Marlene Renner was an innocent 12-year-old tomboy with more interest in horseback riding than in boys when she went on a camping trip with her family in 1965 and a traumatic act of violence against her changed her life forever.

In her book, "The Elephant in My Living Room," Marlene says, "That's the day the elephant barged into the living room of my life." She defines an elephant as a blind spot or an issue that causes us to trample on the relationships in our lives because we haven't dealt with it. Since her book was published in 2003, Marlene has appeared in two national TV interviews on the 700 Club, as well as on several other TV, radio and book-signing appearances throughout the United States.

Typical elephans are divorce, abortion, adoption, alcoholism, addictions, physical or verbal abuse, marital problems, rape, serious illness, death of a loved one, unforgiveness, guilt, expectations, rejection...the list is endless.

She was affected physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually. It impacted her self-esteem as she thought of herself as damaged goods. "I was so afraid that if people knew who I really was, they wouldn't like me," said Renner as she continued to live behind the facade that she had her life together.

In her book, she reveals the good, the bad, and the ugly to show that in transparency, healing is possible. Her healing process began with the forgiveness of her rapist, and she shares that it is not instantaneous; it is a process. Her thorn in the flesh will continue to pierce her tongue and anger.

Everyone has an elephant. Some have a whole zoo. The writing of her book is to encourage others who are hurting to cage their elephants and learn valuable communication and life principles to apply to everyday challenges. Her desire is for her audience to understand that God can remove scars enabling anyone to live a free, joyful and victorious life.

Marlene Zillmann Renner, a wonderful communicator, will be the keynote speaker at the First Ladies Heart to Heart Winter Conference titled, "It's a Jungle Out There!" to be held at the First Baptist Church of Enterprise on Friday evening and Saturday, February 20-21, 2004. Marlene holds a B.A. in English and Education and an M.A. in Counselor Education. She is a veteran English and speech teacher, an avid swimmer, an inspirational speaker, and an active volunteer in her community. She resides in Ohio with her husband Dan. Her books will be available for purchase at the conference.

The purpose of the conference is to encourage women and teen young ladies, 10th grade and above, in their ongoing personal relationship with the Lord. In addition to the keynote speaker, workshops featuring 8 different speakers will challenge and encourage all who attend. Workshop subjects include The Beast Within, Caregiving, Prayer, Godly Encouragement, Healthy Temples, Freedom from Fear, Organizational Skills and a special session for teens on Daring to be Different, Praise, Worship, and delicious food will be integral to the conference.

Information about registration, cost, and childcare may be obtained by calling the First Baptist Church of Enterprise at 334-593-LOVE. It is important that you pre-register prior to Friday 13.



ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Psalm 29:1-11.

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*****Installation Service for Pastor, L.P. Carter of the Old Mt. Silas Baptist Church will be held January 18, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. D. Glover.**

Today is a good day; be grateful!

Eria

God Power House Church to hold gospel singing

God Power House Church at 603 Smith Ave. will host a gospel concert on Jan. 17 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Hodge Family of Texas.

Everyone is invited to attend. Snacks will be served after the concert.

Glenwood Assembly of God to host gospel singing on Saturday, January 17

Glenwood Assembly of God will host a gospel singing Saturday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The featured group will be The Lighthouse String Ensemble from Troy. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. service tribute planned for Monday, January 19

A service tribute for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Monday, Jan. 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Coffee County Bus Shop, formerly Brown Smith High School, in New Brockton.

In case of inclement weather, all activities will be held at the Greater Springfield Baptist Church.

Faith Hill Assembly of God benefit gospel singing set for January 24

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Dr. James A. Auchmuty to be installed as Pastor Emeritus, Sunday January 18, in Birmingham

On Sunday, January 18th, Shades Crest Baptist Church, of Birmingham, Ala., will install Dr. James A. Auchmuty, Jr. as Pastor Emeritus. This is the first initiative to be taken in celebration of our 50th year of ministry during 2004.

Dr. Auchmuty served as pastor of Shades Crest for 27 years, April, 1972 to April, 1999. For more than half of Shades Crest's history, Dr. Auchmuty's heart, mind and spirit shaped our life as a church. Dr. Auchmuty will be the morning preacher on January 18th.

He is a former president of Berry High School PTA, former chaplain to Berry High School football team, former captain of Hoover Fire Department, and a former member and president of Hoover-Riverchase Rotary Club. Currently, he is pastor of First Baptist Church of Roebuck Plaza in Birmingham. He also teaches on the faculty of the Department of Religion and Philosophy for Metro College of Birmingham, and received the Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from Judson College in 1975. He pursued continuing education studies in England and Scotland (1992), Israel (1998) and Israel, Jordan and Egypt (2001).

He served as pastor of Alabama Baptist churches in Huguley, Lafayette, Aliceville, Alabeville and Elba prior to becoming pastor of Shades.

Brethren of the Bible, was published through Broadman Press. Committed to historic Baptist

principles and education, he is a former writer of curriculum literature for Sunday School and Church Training. He served two terms on the Trustees of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and four terms of the Board of Trustees of Judson College. In 1995, Jim was recognized as the Samford University Minister of the Year for churches with membership exceeding 1,000.

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Gospel Singers of Troy and the Burning Bush Fody of Red Level. For more information or directions call 897-3030.

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********* **Hodge-Busbee wedding held at Spanish Fort, Alabama**

Mrs. Paula F. Busbee of Daphne, Alabama and Dr. Benton L. Busbee of Troy, Alabama announce the marriage of their daughter, Jacqueline Gentrie Busbee, to Steven Lawrence Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Devayne Hodges of Elba, Alabama. The bride is the granddaughter of Ms. Sarah Johnson of Daphne, Alabama and the late Mr. Paul G. Fogarty and Ms. Ethel Busbee of Mobile, Alabama and the late Mr. Lloyd C. Busbee. The groom is the grandson of Maynard and Vivian Brunson of Elba, Alabama. Mr. Joyce Dupper of Morehead, North Carolina and Mr. Fred Hodges of Kinston, Alabama. The bride is a 1998 graduate of Daphne High School and the groom is a 1996 graduate of Zion Chapel High School. The bride and groom are both graduates of Troy State University in Troy, Ala. and currently reside and work in the Troy area. The wedding took place January 10, 2004 at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church, Spanish Fort, Ala., a reception immediately followed at the Daphne Civic Center.

Emily Strong Rowland earns certification from National Bd. for Professional Teaching

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LIFESTYLES

Hodge-Busbee wedding held at Spanish Fort, Alabama

NEW ARRIVAL

SARAH KATE RHODES

Jud and Susan Rhodes announce the birth of their daughter Sarah Kate Rhodes born on December 18, 2003. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Dolin and Naoma Clark of Opp, Ala.; Monica Rhodes and the late Fred Rhodes of Opp, Ala.



Sarah Kate Rhodes

Coffee County Education Retirees Association to meet

The Coffee County Education Retirees Association will have a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Westside Baptist Church in Elba at 11:30 a.m. Marion Brunson will speak of the topic of "Coffee County Folklore." To make reservations call Joan Lewis at 347-4612.

New Arrival

Emily Fundum

Kaylee Marie Fundum of Dothan, Ala. celebrated her third birthday on November 22. She celebrated her birthday with friends at Riddle College.

Kaylee Fundum is the daughter of Steven and Karen Fundum of Dothan. Kaylee was born on November 22, 2000 at Burke Park at her home.

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SCHOOLS

School and Club Reminders:

by Brittany Cooper

* VICA Members who want a t-shirt, sign up in Mr. Lawford's room. Cost is \$9.25 and \$10.25 for XL or larger.

* Feb. 18th - Mr. Parker w/ Balfour will meet w/ 10th grade ring committee at 1:30 p.m.

* Anyone from Mrs. Norris' 1st semester advanced English/12th grade class interested in the Coca-Cola Scholarship should see Mrs. Norris ASAP.

* Seniors should see Mrs. Norris to select their portrait for the yearbook.

* The Alabama Direct Assessment will be administered to 7th graders on Feb. 25th and to 10th graders on Feb. 26th.

* The SAT/10 and Otis Lennon School Ability Test will be administered to 7th & 8th graders during the month of April. 7th and 8th graders will take the following subjects:

Reading, Math, Language Arts, Social Science and OLSAT. Dates will be announced soon.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Christy Eubanks

EHS Student Spotlight

by Karrie Copeland

This week's student spotlight focuses on another high school student.

Roneene Copes-Brown is the 17-year-old daughter of Ronwell and Rev. Elsie Copes of Elba.

Roneene is involved in numerous clubs, including FCLLA, FBLA and FCIS. She is a senior at Elba High School and also participates in the Marching Tiger Band where she is a member of the color guard.

In her spare time, she likes to play volleyball, twirl her flag, and make up new routines. She also likes to listen to music and shop.

Top five selected for AEC essay contest

by Mary Katherine Head

Every year juniors in the Advanced English class at Elba High School are required to write a researched essay with their topic as Alabama Electric Cooperative. However, this is not only a requirement for the class, but it is also a contest sponsored by the Alabama Electric Cooperative. Mrs. Kathy Patti, the current

teacher for this class, chose the top 10 papers to be entered into the contest.

Once the top 10 essays were selected by Mrs. Patti, they were awarded a trip to Point A on Gant Lake, it is these five that will travel to AEC Headquarters in Andalusia, Ala., vying for the chance to be selected as the winner from their school.

They will be interviewed by a panel of judges and will take a comprehensive test about Alabama Electric Cooperative.

The top two winners will travel to Montgomery, Ala., this spring for the Alabama Rural and Electric Association Youth Tour, and the overall winner will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer for the National Rural and Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour.

Both of these trips are all-expenses paid and great opportunities.

Good job and good luck to these five juniors!



The top five winners in the essay contest were: Mallory Allen, Jessica Merkin, Ashley Gibson, Kristin Barnes and Bradley Bane.

Preparing for Miss Elba pageants

The New Season's Study Club currently is preparing for the 2004 Miss Elba pageants.

The different age divisions will include Future Little Miss Elba (Ages 4 & 5); Little Miss Elba (First Grade); Junior Miss Elba (7th-10th grade); and Miss Elba (Ages 17-21).

A meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Elba Elementary School for the parents of those interested in participating in the Future Little Miss and Little Miss age divisions.

More pageant information will be provided as details are finalized by members of the New Season's Study Club.

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EES Talent Pool students participate in manners competition

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SPORTS

Views from...
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie got a cell phone for Christmas and it has only taken her a few weeks to realize that when you talk on a cell phone time is money. We got her the phone so that we could keep up with her during ball season or just in case of an emergency, but she soon found out that voice messaging, text messaging and roaming charges can take their toll and cost a fortune. Last week the phone was off when she was at home and she even left it at home a few times when she headed out. I guess she has already learned enough in math to figure out just how far her allowance can go, and has also figured out that talking on a cell phone can put a dent in her pocketbook. Oh well, just another lesson learned.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Tigers ended the week with a 9-6 record after dropping a key area contest on Friday night to Albeville. The Tigers played with the highly-ranked Yellowjackets for much of three quarters and actually led midway through the third quarter, but went over five minutes without scoring a point during a stretch in the second half and never recovered. The Tigers have suffered such scoring droughts in almost all their losses this season, and until they get more consistent on offense they will continue to lose games they could have won. There are no doubts Elba has the skills to be big winners, but the time is now for the Tigers to step up and take their game to that next level.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers stunned the third-ranked Abbeville Lady Jackets early in the opening half and owned a 12-point first quarter lead before running out of gas and watching as Abbeville stormed back to claim a big win. The Lady Tigers have improved by leaps and bounds in recent weeks and after a slow start now appear on track to post a winning record and challenge for a spot in a region play. It may take a lot of time to keep the girls fresh and a little luck from behind the three-point line to keep the points rolling up, but these girls seem to be having fun and that should make it easier to handle.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs have been on a run lately and last week claimed three wins to push their record over the .500 mark for the season. Coach Gary Glass always plays a lot of games early in the season to get the players game experience, and this year it looks like that plan is working. The Bulldogs have good size, quickness and a group of players that leave all out on the court, and now that they know they can win maybe the wins will begin to pile up.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs struggled a little early in the season, but added 6-6 Derek Weeks to their roster after the holiday break and ever since have been on a roll. Weeks has led the Bulldogs in scoring in every game he has played, and last week helped Brantley avenge an early-season loss to Flora by blasting the Wildcats 78-48. His presence was also evident against McKenzie, a team that Brantley had beaten twice by only one point. With Weeks in the line-up the Bulldogs ran away and posted a 94-33 win! Watch out folks, the Brantley Bulldogs are now running on all cylinders and may just be the team to beat in A circles.

*** The Dothan Progress Holiday Basketball Tournament divided up the last week among the teams that took part in the event and this year over \$46,000 was given to each team. The four teams that made it to the finals got \$3,723.68 apiece, while the teams that lost in the first round got \$930.92. At over \$900 per game, you know that the coaches put a little extra into their preparation and know that all the teams in the area cherish an invitation. Back several years ago I told tournament officials that it was time to add a girls tournament to the holiday season, and I believe that now even more than ever. Girls fans will also turn out to watch their favorite teams compete, and the experience and funds raised will help everyone involved. Ok, I am getting off topic in the future.

*** The NFL season was just another season of frustration for former Elba Tiger standout Ronald McKinney, but McKinney once again was one of the few bright spots for the Arizona Cardinals as he led the team in tackles for the fifth straight year and once again recorded over 100 tackles. McKinney has been a force ever since joining the league eight years ago and has been one of the NFL's most consistent, and most under-rated players throughout his career. Imagine Ronald long ago came to the conclusion that he will spend his career in the desert and will never get the credit he deserves, but it is obvious by his play that he is one of the best players in the NFL and he can rest assured that everyone in Elba, Alabama knows it is a fact.

*** Auburn got its letter from the NCAA last week concerning alleged violations in its basketball program and already the Auburn officials are crying that they are innocent of all charges. The NCAA charged that Auburn had arranged for the Mother of a high school recruit to get a car, and also charged that a recruit received six wire payments of \$200 to \$2,000. Other charges included paying to fly a recruit and his Mother to Auburn and paying for hotel expenses, as well as having a car stereo system installed in a car of a recruit. It is never known when the NCAA makes its charges because it doesn't have to prove anything and doesn't have to provide any of its sources. Maybe one day the major colleges will wise up and realize that it is the schools and their athletic teams that make the money, and not the NCAA, and give the NCAA and its investigators the death penalty.

*** It is hard to believe, but just a matter of days baseball and softball practice will start at high schools across the state. I am a big fan of both sports and try to watch as many games as possible, but I wish the officials that make the decisions will one day slow down and try not to have every sport overlap into the next season. Sports are an extra-curricular activity at the high school level and should be a source of enjoyment and competition, not a source of problems for the student-athletes that like to play all the sports a school might offer. Some times it looks like the tail is wagging the dog.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

Kinston at Arinton (4:30) JV-VG-VB

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

Elba at Luverne (4:30) JV-VG-VB
New Brockton at G.W. Long (5:00) JV-VG-VB

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

Straughn at Elba (4:30) JV-VG-VB
New Brockton at Highland Home (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Georgiana at Brantley (4:30) JV-VG-VB

JV - Junior Varsity VG - Varsity Girls
VB - Varsity Boys

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Post impressive road win

Elba Tigers run past Rebels 67-40

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back last Monday night in rolling to a surprisingly easy 67-40 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, at Zion Chapel.

The win upset Elba's record to 8-5, while Zion Chapel slipped to 2-8 with the loss.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 3-1 lead on a three-pointer by Quinton Gavin and stretched their lead to 7-1 with 6:33 left in the first quarter after a steal and a lay-up by Mason Gulley and a short jumper by LaRay Williams. Zion Chapel cut the Elba lead to 7-5 on a basket by Al Childs and trailed only 9-7 with 5:06 remaining in the stanza after a turnover by Luke Taylor, but Elba scored the final points behind the play of Marchello Reed and Quinton Gavin and with 4:05 left in the quarter was back in command with a 15-7 advantage.

Elba's lead grew to 59-31 early in the fourth quarter on a basket by Reynolds Rogers, and then took that big lead and the game to 64-38 when Duke Carr scored on a driving lay-up to give Elba a 67-37 advantage. Zion Chapel's Abe Childs drilled a three-pointer from deep in the corner with 1:06 left on the clock; however, it was way too little way too late as the Tigers posted the 67-40 win.

Quinton Gavin scored 28 points to lead Elba, while Marchello Reed added 17. Josh Smith scored 15 points to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (21 18 15 13 - 67)
ZC (16 10 9 11 - 40)

Gavin (28), Gulley (6), Williams (6), Rogers (2), Z.C. (40), Smith (15), Wise (3), Taylor (8), White (5), Childs (9).

(B GAME)

The Elba Tigers led all the way to defeat the Zion Chapel Rebels 44-23, in B team action.

Elba pulled out to a 14-6 lead in the opening stanza and by the end of the third quarter owned a lopsided 41-13 advantage as the Tigers rolled to the easy win.

Jimmy Morris scored 17 points and Antwos Tillis added 10 to lead Elba, while McWaters scored 10 to lead Zion Chapel.

Elba (44): Hill 8, Starks 1, Cooks 2, Morris 17, Fraizer 4, Tillis 10, Abbott 2.

Z.C. (23): McWaters 10, Jones 8, Leger 2, Holloway 2, Carter 1.

HIGH SCHOOL
BASKETBALL
SCHEUDLES



Elba Tiger sophomore Kikk Logan (32) drives for a basket. Logan and the Tigers opened the new year last week with a big 67-40 win over Zion Chapel.

(Photo by John Wallace - Andalusia Star/News)

In 68-54 loss to Abbeville

Second half scoring drought dooms Tigers

The Elba Tigers hosted the fourth-ranked Abbeville Yellowjackets Friday night with the top spot in the area standings up for grabs and hung in the balance.

Abbeville used a 9-0 run to quiet the Elba fans and regained the lead at 44-38 with 2:35 left in the stanza, and despite a late rally by the Tigers, Abbeville remained in control and headed into the final quarter with a 50-42 advantage.

A basket by Marchello Reed enabled Elba to cut the Abbeville lead to 50-44 early in the fourth quarter, but the Jackets quickly recovered and moved on past 55-44 with 6:26 left on the clock.

Elba cut the deficit to 55-46 with 5:52 left on a jumper by Quinton Gavin. However, the Tigers failed to score again for the next four minutes, and by the time Marchello Reed stopped the drought with a short jumper with 1:13 left, Abbeville had taken complete command and was on top 68-54.

Quinton Gavin added two three-pointers in the final minutes as the Tigers battled until the final horn, but the long scoring drought was too much to overcome as the Tigers took the loss 68-54.

Quinton Gavin scored 20 points to lead Elba, while Mason Gulley added 8. Jamaral Mills scored 14 points to lead Abbeville and Victor Fryer added 11.

Elba (14 18 18 18 - 68)
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Gavin (20), Gulley (8), Williams (6), Rogers (2), E (12), White (5), Childs (9), Taylor (8), Leger (5), Abbott (5), Carpenter (2).

(B GAME)

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead vanish as the Abbeville Yellowjackets rallied to claim a 64-37 win Friday night in B team action.

Abbeville (64): Kinley 2, Wiggins 11, Mitchell 10, Knight 13, Harris 7, M. Culver 9, C. Culver 6, Spivey 6.

Elba (37): Hill 9, Starks 2, Jackson 1, Robinson 4, Cooks 4, Morris 6, Johnson 3, Tillis 1, Abbott 5, Carpenter 2.

SPORTS

Even record at 5-5

Lady Tigers zap Zion Chapel 54-40

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed their fourth straight win last Monday night by rolling past the winless Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 54-40, at Zion Chapel.

The Lady Tigers remained in command and at intermission went in with a 28-15 advantage.

Elba's lead grew to 33-15 early in the third quarter behind the scoring punch of Ayonna Proctor and LaFonda Thigpen opened up an 8-0 lead with 5:44 remaining in the first quarter. The Lady Rebels were on the scoreboard with 5:10 left on a free-throw by Nessa Wamblee, and Proctor and Ashleigh Waddell answered with baskets inside to pull Elba up to 12-1 with 3:15 still left on the opening stanza.

Elba's lead grew to 51-32 with 4:57 left on a three-pointer, by LaFonda Thigpen, and the Lady Tigers reserves then came back and mopped up the 54-40 road win over Zion Chapel.

The Lady Rebels' Jennifer Taylor scored two baskets from close to help Zion Chapel cut into the Elba lead midway through the stanza, but Elba's Brittny Caldwell scored from inside with 2:40 left on the clock to up the Lady Tiger lead to 39-23, and despite a late Lady Rebels rally the Lady Tigers carried a 39-28 advantage into the final stanza.

The Elba starters reentered and three free-throws by Keri Hobbs helped the Lady Rebels rally late in the half, but the Lady Tigers remained in command and at intermission went in with a 28-15 advantage.

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On-Site Program Clients	6,557
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Rent/Mortgage	56
Utilities	776
Clothing	1,186
Furniture	614
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Eighth Grade: Gacie Hudson, James Douglas Martin III and Brittan Lashawn Phillips.

Ninth Grade: Brianna Lynne Bailey, Brian Dean Blair, Chase William Boutwell, Christina Young Bryant, Eric Lee Butts, Mary Catherine Cash, Lauren Alexis McClung and Melanie Reese Mularz.

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A First Grade: Addison Archie, Noah Carnley, Lindsey Cazeus, T.J. Glass, Marley Jacobs, Courtney Moulton, Ben Nelson, Dylan Rhoades, Reagan Sessions and Lukas Taylor.

Second Grade: Kelsey Carnley, Lane Clark, Caitlin Cooper, Ethan Davis, C.J. Edwards, Chebbie Fuller, Brittany Hardy, Avery Hataway, Evan Jackson, Cassidy Johnson, Mahala Johnson, Jade Mercer, Allie Rushing, Patrick Smith, Madison Weeks and Tucker Wright.

Third Grade: Aubree Archie, Mikayla Bird, Andrew Foster, Pamela Grace, Ashley Sims and Summer Wilkerson.

Fourth Grade: Blake Avant, Callie Brown, Mallor Davis, Mason Davis, Tori Devine, Jacob Stevens, Devin Holloway, Mary Katherine Mack, Kyle Whisman and Taylor Wilkerson.

Fifth Grade: Hunter Anderson, Trent Archie, Andrew Coleman, Dylan Ray, Gunter Davis, Bethany Hawthorne, Sara Mock and Danny Williams.

Sixth Grade: Jake Blackmon, Hannah Forehand, Ric Johnson and Chelsea Weatherington.

First Grade: Trace Archie,

**Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben**
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

**Circle Hooks
Benefit Fish and
Fisherman**

Archeologists tell us that man crafted his first fish hooks out of bone and tied them onto a line he wove from the tail of wild horses. They even have evidence that early man used what is known as a circle hook today. Whether he made it in that shape on purpose or the piece of bone he had dictated it, no one is sure.

Regardless of how the circle hook was invented, it is enjoying a comeback among today's anglers. The bend of a circle hook makes part of a circle so that the point of the hook is pointed back toward the hook's shank. This configuration looks strange when compared to the traditional hook that's point is parallel to the hook's shank.

As soon as a fish takes the bait with an imbedded circle hook he closes his jaw. This causes the hook to rotate. As the line tightens, the hook is dragged toward the mouth until it reaches the fish's jaw. As the line is tightened, the hook becomes imbedded in the jaw.

Circle hooks are manufactured in every size, from blue gill to large saltwater sizes. While they can be used in almost any fishing application with live or dead bait, they are especially popular with catfishermen. It is with setlines and trotlines that the hook-set ratio really increases. One catfisherman I talked to said his ratio of hooked fish on setlines had increased dramatically and that

next time you go fishing with natural baits, give the circle hook a try. Just remember that the old "cross his eyes" hookset won't work just apply steady pressure to set the hook.

Tonya Tarey (center) was crowned queen of the 17-18 year old age group. Second alternate was Tiffany Wilson (left), and first alternate was Lacy Sullivan (right).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Winners recognized in different age divisions of Kinston's 2003 Miss Christmas pageant



The Kinston Athletic Club sponsored the Miss Christmas pageant Saturday, Dec. 6, at Kinston High School.

The winners and alternates are shown here for the different age divisions.



Mary-Brookelyn Kay Moore was crowned queen of the 0-11 month old age group.



Brianna Bowers (center) was crowned queen of the 12-18 months old age group. Second alternate was Kelcey Sanders (left), and first alternate was Sarah White (right).



Kristina Allen (center) was crowned queen of the 19-35 months old age group. First alternate was Chloe Amers Nance (left), and second alternate was Regan Shae Hawthorne (right).



Abigail Gabrielle Fosler (center) was crowned queen of the 3-4 year old age group. First alternate was Alanna Spann (left), and second alternate was Alison Bailey (right).



Addison Archie (center) was crowned queen of the 5-6 year old age group. First alternate was Alanna Spann (left), and second alternate was Madelyn Brook Kelley (right).



Haiden Moore (center) was crowned queen of the 7-8 year old age group. First alternate was Callie Weeks (left), and second alternate was Summer Wilkerson (right).



Katie Ward (center) was crowned queen of the 11-12 year old age group. First alternate was Ashley Snell (left), and second alternate was Amber Jacobs (right).



Arissa Neely Davis (center) was crowned queen of the 9-10 year old age group. First alternate was Charlene Wyatt (left), and second alternate was Amber Jacobs (right).



Sabrina Smith (center) was crowned queen of the 13-14 year old age group. First alternate was Stephanie Meyers (left), and second alternate was Candace Strickland (right).



Ramsi Smith (center) was crowned queen of the 15-16 year old age group. Second alternate was Tiffany Wilson (left), and first alternate was Brini Cosby (right).



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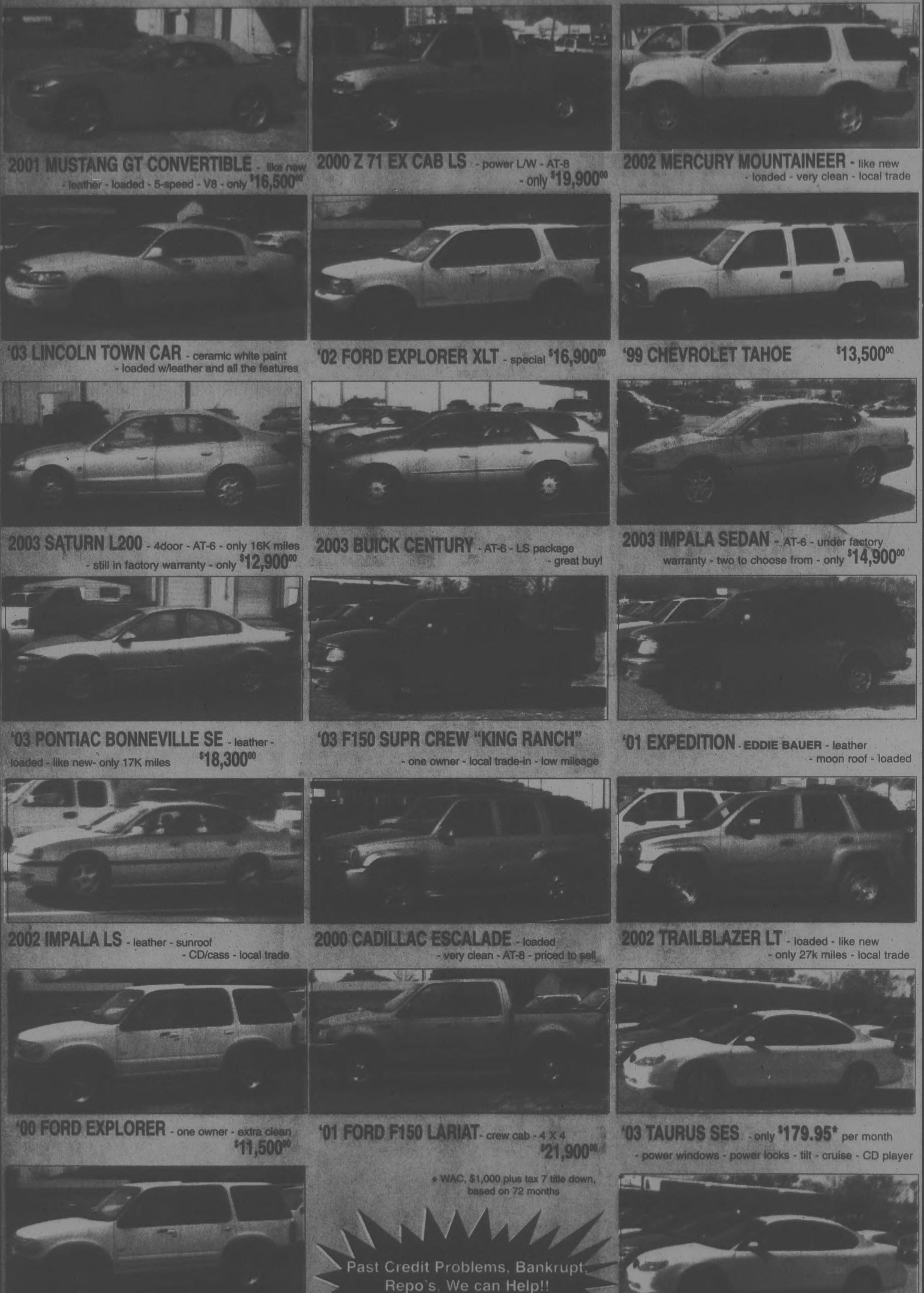
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Levee rehabilitation project rekindles lots of memories for some residents

by Bethany Dye

Elba citizens who have watched the levee construction have seen numerous loads of dirt piled on one after another, utilizing the most efficient building tools of the times—mules, shovels, draglines and slip scrapes.

Those who watched the construction of the mid 1930s, that is.

The current rehabilitation of the levee has stirred up long-held memories among several of those who witnessed the building of the first levee after the flood of 1929.

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"They've hauled enough dirt here in the last week, if they'd had to fill those trucks up with those slip scrapes, we wouldn't have had this levee built in my or your lifetime," Shortie said.

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ment for 50 cents or \$1 per day.

John Glenn Lee said the trucks drove underneath a bridge where mules with carts on top of the bridge would straddle a hole and drop dirt down into the trucks.

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"I hated so bad," said Martin with a laugh, "since I was chief engineer on the other one, I didn't go down there and watch them build that and tell those folks about it because they can't imagine that this being done as primitive as it was done."

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"I hated so bad," said Martin with a laugh, "since I was chief engineer on the other one, I didn't go down there and watch them build that and tell those folks about it because they can't imagine that this being done as primitive as it was done."

He said for hauling dirt, people built bodies on their trucks using any material they could find and rented them to the gov-

ernment for 50 cents or \$1 per day.

John Glenn Lee said the trucks drove underneath a bridge where mules with carts on top of the bridge would straddle a hole and drop dirt down into the trucks.

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